## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 26-36, as follows:

In use, the film 112 is disposed on a side 114 of the article 100 which is intended to face wet or moist conditions or other environmental contaminants. A plurality of projections 116 are formed on the surface of film 112. The projections 116 are directional, extending from the side 114 toward the wet side environment and have a small pore or opening 116a therein which extends through the film 112. In this manner, when the projections 116 face a wet environment, they form a series of micro funnels or cones which allow air and acoustic energy to pass while repelling water and other contaminants.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 37 and ending on page 7, line 14, as follows:

The projections **116** may extend perpendicularly or, alternatively, at an angle with respect to the surface of the film **112**. In the illustrated embodiment, the projections **116** are shown in a downwardly angled orientation which increases resistance to water inclusion. The formations **116** cover all or part (e.g., areas where sound absorption is most desired) of the surface of film **112**. In one embodiment, the <u>perforations projections</u> **116** are arranged in a regular pattern and can be formed by a number of perforation techniques. In a preferred embodiment, vacuum perforation techniques are used which produce raised bosses having perforated tips, as are generally known in the art. Other methods include, for example, hot or cold needle perforation techniques, and the like. The size and spacing of the projections **116** are such that they lend a degree of acoustic transparency to the film layer **112** while maintaining water resistance.